

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph commencing on page 5, line 10 of the specification to read as follows:

*A* Rotatably mounted on the lower ends of actuating links 18 and 19 is a connecting pin 21 having a transverse axis disposed parallel to the axes of connecting pins 13, 14 and 17. A set of spacer links 22 and 23 are rigidly secured to the ends of connecting pin 21 and extend substantially radially relative thereto. The free ends of the spacer links are provided with a pair of abutment surfaces ~~24 and 25 (not shown)~~ 24 (only one of which is shown) which are adapted to engage the outer ends of connecting pin 13 when such links are rotated in a clockwise direction relative to Figure 1 about the axis of connecting pin 21. When the abutment surfaces of links 22 and 23 engage connecting pin 13, such links may be secured in such positions by means of a pair of latch mechanisms ~~26, 26~~ 26 (only one of which is shown).

Please amend the paragraph commencing on page 6, line 3 of the specification to read as follows:

A2 Bucket 11 is of a conventional configuration except for the mounting brackets. It is provided with a pair of laterally spaced side walls 30 and 31 and an adjoining wall including an upper section 32, a downwardly and forwardly curved, rear wall section ~~43~~ 33 and a forwardly extending bottom wall terminating at a front cutting edge. Rigidly secured to the upper wall section 32 is a pair of identical, laterally spaced mounting brackets 34 and 35. Mounting bracket 34 is recessed at an upper edge thereof as at 36 providing an entry or access and a pair of lower guide surfaces 37 and 38 inclined toward a pair of opposed, pin receiving recesses 39 and 40. The forwardly disposed recesses of mounting brackets 34 and 35 are transversely aligned and are adapted to receive the end portions of connecting pin 13, and the rearwardly disposed recesses of such brackets are transversely aligned and adapted to receive the end portions of connecting pin 21, when the bucket is connected to the dipper stick as shown in Figures 2 and 5.